


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 1 as follows:

 This application claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-084487 filed on March 24, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference. Applicant further claims the benefit of US Patent application serial number 09/805,226, filed on March 14, 2001, now US Patent 6,545,821.